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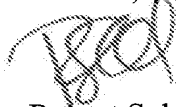
Reconsideration of this application and entry of the above Amendment is respectfully requested. Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-4, 8-12, 14-16, 18, 22-24, and 26 are pending in the application, with claims 1 and 15 being the independent claims. Claim 15 is sought to be amended to correct a minor formality. Applicants do not believe that this amendment adds new matter and/or broadens the scope of the claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment be entered.

***Conclusion***

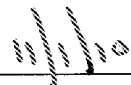
Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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